

### Mexican Water Treaty Opposed By Civic Group

Three resolutions, one opposing the proposed United States treaty giving Mexico Colorado river water, another objecting to the use of federal funds to aid states, cities and counties in post-war projects other than highways, and still another—at the suggestion of the Long Beach delegation—asking the U. S. Navy to construct the ordnance depot at Anaheim bay in such a manner as not to interfere with highway and harbor development, were adopted at the business session of the Harbor District Chambers of Commerce in Torrance last Thursday evening.

The Colorado water treaty was protested on the grounds that such extension of water rights to Mexico as proposed could condemn to the desert thousands of acres of fertile and reclaimable lands and would deprive citizens of the United States of their legally vested rights, contrary to contracts entered into by the government. The resolution contended that the government was powerless to give to Mexico twice as much water as Mexico had ever used, since it had already been allocated by legal contracts to California interests, the resolution stressed.

State's Attorney General Robert Kenny, former Congressman Phil Swing, co-author with Senator Hiram Johnson of the Boulder Dam act, are now in Washington working with the California congressional delegation urging modification of the proposed treaty.

The highways committee also approved a resolution for clarification of provisions in California senate bill 656, providing for improvement of beaches and playgrounds.

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### Power Company Cited for War Achievement

Distinguished wartime service of the Southern California Edison Company, and other electrical utility companies throughout the nation, has been honored in a special citation from the Charles A. Coffin Foundation, an institution established 22 years ago by the General Electric Company to encourage and reward unusual achievement in the electrical industry.

Announcement of the award was made by Gerard Swope, president of the General Electric Company, and chairman of the board of trustees of the foundation, in a nation-wide broadcast Sunday, March 12.

"Faced with unprecedented demands, the electric light and power industry has met every war production requirement without delay and without impairment of peacetime services to the public," the citation reads. "This achievement merits the appreciation not only of the American industry but of the entire nation."

Commenting on the award, Mr. Swope said: "The remarkable war job performed by the nation's electrical companies richly merits this citation. If electric power should fail or if it be too little or too late, the disastrous effects would startle all America. Vital machines would be motionless. Millions of homes would be cold—and an eerie blackout would descend over the land.

"But electricity has not failed. Rather, in 1943, twice as much power was produced as in the year before the war—with a minimum of new facilities and despite larger losses of skilled employes to the armed services. Power has never been too little or too late."

### Allied Chamber Speaker Pleads For Inter-American Cooperation

A fine dinner, splendid entertainment supplied by the Girls Glee club of the Torrance High school and the "Funmakers" of the National Supply Company's plant, and a splendid address on inter-American relations by William S. Rosecrans, past president of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, marked the March session of the Harbor District Chambers of Commerce last Thursday evening at the Torrance Civic Auditorium. About 200 persons were present representing every part of the Harbor district.

**Promote Understanding**  
Rosecrans, who used as his subject, "Taking Inter-Americanism Out of the Stratosphere," hailed the good neighbor policy of bringing the inter-American nations into better understanding between each other. "But there must be an understanding between the governments of the nations—and we are making good progress in that direction. Secondly, there must be contacts between the peoples of these nations if this policy is to succeed after the war."

The speaker pointed out that south of the Rio Grande there are people of different languages, temperaments and customs than those of the United States and Canada. Therefore, he asserted, it is necessary to be tolerant, use patience and treat the so-called Latin-American people "just as a good businessman treats a valued customer."

The speaker said in the past these people below the Rio Grande "had become suspicious of us and feared we had designs on exploiting them—and they had good reason to feel that way because of things that had happened in days gone by," Rosecrans declared. "But a new period in international relations began when President Calvin Coolidge sent Dwight Morrow as ambassador from the United States to Mexico City. Since then real progress has been made to remove the old feeling of suspicion and institute one of confidence and better understanding, so we must be careful what we do if this relationship is to improve."

**Language Barriers**  
Rosecrans thought teaching of Spanish in the grammar schools should be made compulsory to remove the barrier of languages, which he believed would become a potent factor in creating better understanding between the North and South Americans. He expressed the view that the English language should be a requirement in schools of the Latin nations. He pointed out that 53,000 of the 300,000 persons of Mexican origin in this country are in the armed forces of the United States. They are fighting to preserve this coun-

try and its form of government. They have died or have been wounded battling alongside other Americans for principles they believed in, Rosecrans said.

Mayor Tom F. McGuire delivered the address of welcome to guests at the meeting and Frederick Pym, president of the Harbor District Chambers, who presided, called on Judge Irving Austin of Compton to make the response. Former Gov. Frank F. Merriam, also a guest of the evening and who had served as president of the allied civic group on five occasions, spoke briefly.

The next meeting of the executive committee of the Harbor District Chambers, was announced for March 31 in Compton, when the April place of meeting will be decided.

The dinner was prepared and served by Henry Krauth, one of Southern California's leading caterers. The flower decorations for the speakers' table were donated by the Torrance Flower Shop.

### University Releases Data Concerning Vitamin Retention

Last minute information on what happens to the vitamins during the cooking and storing of foods, as worked out in experiments in the department of home economics on the Berkeley campus of the University of California, has just been released by Dr. Agnes Fay Morgan, chairman of the department.

Most easily lost vitamin is ascorbic acid or vitamin C, Dr. Morgan said; next are thiamine, B-1, and carotene. Riboflavin, B-2, and the two parts of the B complex known as niacin, and pantothenic acid, are less readily destroyed.

The vitamin C and all the B vitamins are soluble in water, hence will be leached out into the water used in cooking vegetables, Dr. Morgan pointed out. In storage, the experiments showed there is little loss of vitamin C in dehydrated carrots, spinach and mustard greens up to three months. In dehydrated fruits, vitamin C is protected by sulfur dioxide.

Losses of thiamine in storage occur over a period of months; raw navy beans lost 40 percent of thiamine when stored six months, and red kidney beans 39 percent. When canned, the navy beans lost 79 percent and the kidney beans lost 86 percent. In contrast, there is little loss of niacin in storage. Riboflavin is destroyed by light, Dr. Morgan reported. Carotene is destroyed at high temperatures and by exposure to air.

### ODT Warns Motorists About Care of Tires

The need for tire conservation while known to residents of this community should be frequently emphasized. Our nation's small supplies of natural rubber are steadily being depleted and the War Production Board reports that authorities in both the United Kingdom and the United States are reducing to the minimum the amount of natural rubber which the manufacturers will be permitted to use in meeting military and essential civilian requirements, according to ODT.

Tire saving advice to motorists and commercial vehicle users stresses preservation of the tire carcass, above all.

Tires should be recapped immediately when the tread is worn smooth and vehicles should not be overloaded. Drivers are urged to avoid hitting holes in the road or bruising tires on curbs or stones, not to start or stop suddenly and to slow down for sharp corners. Tires should be properly inflated, regularly checked and wheels and axles should be kept in line. "Stay within 35 miles speed or less on hot roads."

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\* I support the following fundamental objectives as vital to a Post-War Program:

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2. Establishment of a Recreation Commission for the Betterment of Self-Supporting Adult Civic Entertainment and Recreation.
3. Protection of Ex-Servicemen's Rights and Assistance in Their Rehabilitation.
4. Operation of the City on a Fixed and Balanced Budget.
5. Elimination of Tax-Eating Inefficiencies.
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- Avoid overloading washing machine to prevent excessive wear of gears and overheating of motor. Fold buttons, buckles, etc., inside clothes when wringing. After use, wipe bright parts to prevent rust. Oil motor, grease wringer and ear box according to manufacturer's instructions.
- After iron has cooled, wipe it off with damp cloth. Never immerse in water. Keep ironing surface clean—wax it with paraffin occasionally. Avoid ironing over hooks, buttons, zippers. Be careful not to drop your iron. Repair connecting cord at first sign of wear.

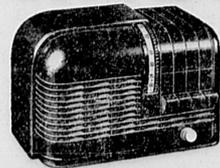


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